



Actor Gary Sinise shakes hands May 11 with Soldiers of the 1/10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Stuttgart, Germany.

Lt. Dan Band salutes Stuttgart

STUTTGART, Germany – Actor Gary Sinise and members of his Lt. Dan Band showed their appreciation for U.S. servicemembers by holding a free concert on Panzer Kaserne here.

Sinise, best known for his role in “Forrest Gump,” and his band entertained more than 750 community members who came out with their lawn chairs, blankets and coolers. The band rocked for more than two hours, playing a string of covers and original songs. Later, band members signed autographs, posed for snap shots and talked with fans well into the night.

Prior to the concert, Sinise and U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart representatives attended the city of Stuttgart’s Frühlingsfest (Spring Festival), which is held annually at the Canstatter Wasen.

The next day, Sinise received hands-on training at the Panzer’s KD Range with members of the 1/10th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A morning of target practice, sniper-shooting demo and a close-quarters combat exercise ended with lunch at the Panzer Dining Facility, where Sinise signed autographs, posed for pictures and talked with troops.

Later that afternoon, Sinise joined Brett Harwood, director of the Stuttgart Theatre Center, on stage for a question-and-answer session reminiscent of “Inside the Actor’s Studio.” Some 120 students from Patch High School, International School of Stuttgart and Filderstadt Musik Schule attended.

The event, hosted by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, Armed Forces Entertainment and the USO, was one of six stops at military bases throughout Europe by the Lt. Dan Band.

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Best known for roles in “Forrest Gump” and “Apollo 13,” Gary Sinise (right) discusses his work as an actor during a May 11 stop at Stuttgart’s Kelley Theatre. Kelley Director Brett Harwood moderated the event. h)